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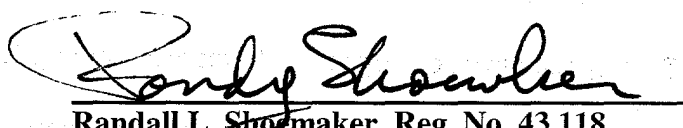
Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003, Applicant hereby petitions for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the period for response to August 18, 2003. This Petition is being filed contemporaneously with a continuation application in order to maintain pending status of the current application until such time as the continuation application receives a filing date. The subject application should then be allowed to go abandoned. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached to this request. If any additional fees are necessary to respond to the outstanding Office Action, you are hereby authorized to charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 08-2789 in the name of Howard & Howard.

Respectfully submitted

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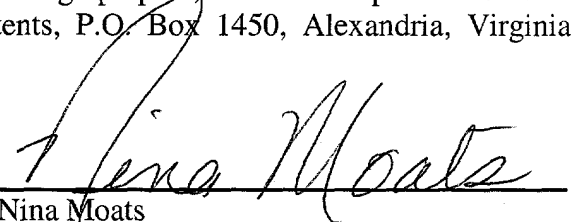
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